GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Amendment in Foreign Policy
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government has any proposal to amend its Foreign Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government has formulated any diplomatic plan/vision for the next twenty years;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken/to be taken by the Union to clear foreign policy with India''s short/long term national interests clearly defined?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI M. J. AKBAR)

(a) to (e) Government of India''s foreign policy, at present and in the foreseeable future, continues the pursuit of ensuring a peaceful and stable international order with the most propitious climate for India's economic growth and development in an ever-changing global environment. To this end, the Government has taken steps to revitalise our traditional ties with foreign countries, re-energise our strategic and commercial relations with existing and new partners and reconnect with NRI and PIO populations abroad. The importance of our immediate periphery in our foreign policy is reflected in the ''Neighbourhood first'' policy of the Government. High level visits to all countries in the region, sometimes after a gap of several years or decades have imparted new energy to bilateral ties. Our engagement has focused on greater connectivity, cooperation in all domains and broader people-to-people contacts.